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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

10 THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE  
11 CENTER and MICHELLE DILLON,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
15 HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION  
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, and  
OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT,

16 Defendants.

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18 No. 2:18-cv-01442-JLR

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20 **JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
21 ORDER**

22 Note on Motion Calendar:  
**June 5, 2020**

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24 Plaintiffs THE HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER (“HRDC”) and  
MICHELLE DILLON (collectively, “Plaintiffs”) and Defendants U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
25 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES and OFFICE OF REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT (collectively, “Defendants”)  
hereby provide the Court with a Joint Status Report pursuant to the Court’s May 4, 2020  
Order (Dkt. No. 51).

26 Since the last Joint Status Report (Dkt. No. 50), filed on May 1, 2020, Defendants  
have produced what they represent to be the last documents responsive to Plaintiffs’  
Freedom of Information Act requests. Based upon those last productions, the Parties report

that this matter need not be substantively litigated. The only remaining issue is the potential award of fees and costs. The Parties plan to attempt to resolve that issue without the need for judicial intervention. Accordingly, the Parties request that they be given until July 9, 2020, to file a stipulated dismissal of this matter with prejudice if they reach agreement on fees and costs. Should the Parties not resolve that issue July 9, 2020, the Parties would submit a joint status report on that date.

Dated: June 5, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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## ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

The Parties shall submit either a stipulated dismissal or a joint status report to the Court on or before July 9, 2020.

Dated this 5th day of June, 2020.

John P. Blunt

JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge

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2                   **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**  
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